(c) No, Sir.

(d) A number of people friendly measures have been taken in 2005-06 in Karnataka like.

(i) Collecting mail from the residences of customers through postmen for dispatch;

(ii) Segregated priority handling of marriage invitations through "VIVAHA" Channel;

(1ii) Sale of City Bus Passes in select Post Offices in Bangalore;

(iv) Extension of Business hours of Post Offices in select important cities; and

(v) Break-fast delivery—(early morning delivery of speed post/ unregistered articles to the customer).

Construction of Dharmapuri Post Office building

2434. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new building for Dharmapuri Head Post Office in Tamil Nadu has been constructed long back;

(b) if so, whether: it has not been opened yet;

(c) the reasons for not opening it; and

(d) by when it would be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Dharmapuri Head Post Office construction work will be completed shortly.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) It will be opened by the end of January, 2006.

Digital divide between rural and urban areas

2435. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the digital divide between rural and urban areas is increasing day-by-day;